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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1650**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : David E. Townsend  
Application No. : 09/940,682  
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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2005, please consider the amendments and remarks that follow:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.